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## SOUTHEAST SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

September 30, 1995  
Sunnerhae Lodge  
Craig, Alaska

### VOLUME 3

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bill Thomas	Dolly Garza
Mary Rudolph	Mim
Robinson	
Marilyn Wilson	John Feller
Patricia Phillips	Lonnie Anderson
Vicki Le Cornu	

#### MEMBERS OF FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES:

Fred Clark, Coordinator	Steve Hoffman
Bill Knauer	Sandy Rabinowitch
Dale Kanen	Ken Thompson
Cheri Ford	Larry Roberts
Jim Capra	Ted Schenk
Guy Cellier	Michael Turek
Dave Johnson	Doug Larsen

#### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO TESTIFIED:

Jim Martinez	Paul Wilson
Irene Guthrie	Millie Stevens

PROCEEDINGS  
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(On record - 10:00 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, you guys are all wondering why we have such a nice day out there. With the note we ended on yesterday, you guys weren't very productive, but when I heard you commit to finishing two documents by this morning, I thought I would do a weather change for you. So that's what happened. Dale?

MR. KANEN: The weather is the realm of the district ranger, I'm sorry. (Laughter)

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anyway, yesterday we went through all of our items -- action items on our listed agenda. Generated from our discussions regarding the agenda, we came up with a need to create at least two documents. And everybody -- virtually everybody but me, I guess, was really involved in doing this and I really want to thank all of you for your commitment to doing that. And with that, Mim, being -- leading the charge on one of them, I will let you introduce what actions you folks did in the committee.

MS. ROBINSON: Okay. I'm going to pass it over to Fred because he's got it all in the computer. All the changes and stuff. What we were thinking is to just read, for now, the proposed changes and there's -- well, we've made some copies of some of them but then they got kind of changed a little more -- but some of them are pretty much the same -- so I could -- well, I've got three copies here. There's another one. These have some of the changes. Would anyone like to see a copy?

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do you have -- on your machine there -- with the changes?

MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, but if somebody wants to read it, you can kind of follow along a little bit on some of this if someone's reading it. There's this one which more or less has the changes in it. That one's kind of bad.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS: These are all the same?

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1 MS. ROBINSON: It's all the same. Just -- yes,  
2 pass it down. Some additional changes were made to  
3 that -- that you have in your hand. So, you want to go  
4 ahead and just read it?

5  
6 MR. CLARK: Sure. This is addressed to The  
7 Honorable Ted Stevens.  
8

9 "Dear Senator Stevens: The Southeast Alaska  
10 Regional Advisory Council was mandated by Title 8 of  
11 ANILCA to protect the subsistence uses and" -- I think  
12 it should be "protect subsistence uses and lifestyles."  
13 Pardon me while I'll edit as we go. "The Southeast  
14 Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council  
15 supports the U.S. Forest Service's present TLMP  
16 revision process. We support their objective of  
17 incorporating reasonable conservation to sustain all  
18 resources, the use of sound science, and public  
19 process. This process will provide essential  
20 protection of subsistence uses for all Southeast Alaska  
21 rural residents and will safeguard the lifestyle and  
22 jobs of future generations of Alaskans.  
23

24 Next paragraph: "The high Alternative P harvest  
25 threatens to place both subsistence users and resources  
26 on the endangered species list. We believe that in  
27 addressing and providing for subsistence needs, there  
28 must be a substantial reduction in the amount of timber  
29 harvested on the Tongass, both annually and over the  
30 long term. Without reductions, the habitat and the  
31 biodiversity of the ecosystem on which our life depends  
32 is justification for more conservation discipline  
33 through timber harvesting. As responsible constituents  
34 of your representation, we are using our inherent  
35 skills and instincts to contribute to sustainable  
36 resource management.  
37

38 "The Southeast Regional Advisory Council is  
39 vehemently opposed to any attempts by the Congress to  
40 circumvent or restrict the public process. The rider  
41 to the FY '96 Interior Appropriations Bill attempting  
42 to force Alternative P and/or the number of acres of  
43 timberlands identified in Alternative P on the rural  
44 residents of Southeast Alaska, restriction on  
45 amendments to the plan and on the ability to appeal  
46 timber sales and offers to totally -- offers totally  
47 eliminates the public process. It insults the  
48 integrity of all Southeast Alaskans' hard won progress  
49 in developing a workable consensus on managing the  
50 Tongass.  
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1 "We are involved in the TLMP revision process. We  
 2 are reviewing the alternatives. The draft TLMP  
 3 revision will be available for public comment by the  
 4 end of this year. We believe that within six months to  
 5 a year, a consensus by all concerned entities can be  
 6 reached using the existing public forum. Congress'  
 7 proposed mandates reduce the likelihood of consensus on  
 8 alternatives and further endanger subsistence cultures  
 9 and lifestyle.

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 11 "As members of the subsistence community who are  
 12 intimately aware of subsistence needs and uses, we  
 13 believe that the public process is the only acceptable  
 14 avenue in a democratic society."

15  
 16 End of letter.

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 18 MS. ROBINSON: Okay. Just a couple comments.  
 19 Some things that came to mind. The part where "We're  
 20 intimately knowledgeable," or what was it?

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 22 MR. CLARK: The final sentence?

23  
 24 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah.

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 26 MR. CLARK: "As members of the subsistence  
 27 community who are intimately aware..."

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 29 MS. ROBINSON: Right. Okay. The part of the  
 30 sentence that Patty and Phil wrote, there's a part in  
 31 there that kind of says the same thing that could maybe  
 32 put -- those two incorporated in the last sentence  
 33 instead of where it's at right now. I don't know.  
 34 Anyway, there's a little more fine tuning that needs to  
 35 happen. I don't know if we want to do that here at the  
 36 table or if we want to take this one more time in a  
 37 little while here, get some more copies done up.

38  
 39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Does everybody -- were we all  
 40 able to hear?

41  
 42 (General consensus)

43  
 44 MS. ROBINSON: It still needs a little more fine  
 45 tuning though. Another thought that I had was where it  
 46 says, let me think. Oh, where "We are reviewing the  
 47 alternatives." To me, that's not really a true  
 48 statement. We're -- I haven't seen any alternative --  
 49 I mean shouldn't it be "We will be reviewing the  
 50 alternatives", I think, is more accurate. I see some  
 51 nods.

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2 MR. NEWHOUSE: What you are doing right now is  
3 the social analysis that has been done by the  
4 scientists. That was provided to you.

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6 MR. CLARK: How about "portions of alternatives."

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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly wants in here too.

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10 MS. GARZA: Actually, we have seen the  
11 alternatives before.

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13 MS. ROBINSON: But there will be more.

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15 MS. GARZA: Right. But I mean we have done it so  
16 we're in the process. There may be more alternatives  
17 presented. However, Mr. Chairman, what I would suggest  
18 is that we accept this letter in concept and have a  
19 small group refine it because I think if it keeps being  
20 a large group, it's just going to evolving, evolving  
21 and evolving and I think if we have two or three people  
22 sit down, they can wrap it up.

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24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Any objections?

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26 MS. ROBINSON: Sounds good to me.

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28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You object?

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30 MS. PHILLIPS: I just want to make sure our  
31 portion of the letter is in there, Mr. Chair.

32  
33 MS. ROBINSON: It will be.

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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It will be. It's going to be  
36 -- you're part of that small group they're talking  
37 about.

38  
39 MS. ROBINSON: The chairman's going to be signing  
40 it so you can be sure it will be in there in one form  
41 or another. It just needs to be -- you know, just  
42 needs to get fine tuned a little bit, just like the  
43 rest of the letter.

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45 MS. PHILLIPS: Well, this is a letter of the  
46 council.

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48 MS. ROBINSON: Uh-huh (affirmative.)

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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh (affirmative.)  
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1 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman?  
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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.  
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5 MS. WILSON: I move that we accept this letter in  
6 concept draft form.  
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8 MR. ANDERSON: Second Marilyn's motion.  
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10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It's been moved and seconded.  
11 We have the motion. Any further discussion?  
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13 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?  
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15 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.  
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17 MS. GARZA: The intent would be that it would be  
18 finalized, signed by the chairman and sent off to?  
19  
20 MS. ROBINSON: Both resources committees and both  
21 appropriations committee and to the President.  
22  
23 MS. GARZA: Okay.  
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25 MS. ROBINSON: And that would...  
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27 UNIDENTIFIED: Speak in favor of the motion.  
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29 MS. ROBINSON: ...just by the...  
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31 MS. WILSON: That would make a good amendment, to  
32 make sure we get all that done.  
33  
34 MS. GARZA: Well, as long as it's understood. Do  
35 you understand that, Mr. Chairman?  
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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're going to have a --  
38 you're going to have a CC list on there anyway, I  
39 think, aren't you?  
40  
41 MS. ROBINSON: That's -- that's going to --  
42 that's the CC list. Basically.  
43  
44 MS. GARZA: I don't think I'll be on that small  
45 committee but I think that what we need to wrap it up  
46 with is just a comment that we oppose the rider and --  
47 I mean, if we're addressing it to Senator Stevens, we  
48 should ask him that he withdraw that rider.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, that's right.  
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1 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, that could -- wrap it up  
2 with that.  
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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We're lodging our objections...  
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6 MS. ROBINSON: Right, right.  
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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ...but we haven't really...  
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10 MS. ROBINSON: We haven't asked him anything.  
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12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ...we haven't offered an  
13 alternative.  
14  
15 MS. ROBINSON: Sounds good.  
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17 MS. GARZA: To withdraw the rider to allow the  
18 process to be completed.  
19  
20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, you guys are crafting the  
21 letter, let's finish the motion. All those in favor  
22 say aye.  
23  
24 ALL IN UNISON: Aye.  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed?  
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28 (No opposing responses.)  
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30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, now before we break into  
31 small groups to do that, let's consider the resolution  
32 as well.  
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34 MS. GARZA: Which resolution?  
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36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You all have a copy of the  
37 handwritten resolution?  
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39 MS. ROBINSON: So we're looking at Patty's  
40 resolution now?  
41  
42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.  
43  
44 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to point out I  
45 have a few extra copies here if anybody should need  
46 them.  
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48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Of the resolution?  
49  
50 MR. CLARK: Of the resolution.  
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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.  
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3 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?  
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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.  
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7 MS. GARZA: I would move that we table this  
8 resolution to our next meeting so that we can get some  
9 information on 100-foot buffer zones, information on  
10 the effects of clearcutting and a good summary of TTRA.  
11 Because otherwise we're supporting something that we  
12 don't have data on.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is that a motion?  
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16 MS. GARZA: I so move.  
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18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There's a motion. Is there a  
19 second?  
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21 MS. ROBINSON: I'll second it.  
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23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Further discussion? All those  
24 in favor say aye.  
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26 MS. GARZA: Aye.  
27  
28 MS. ROBINSON: Aye.  
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30 MR. FELLER: Aye.  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed?  
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34 MS. PHILLIPS: Aye.  
35  
36 MS. ROBINSON: It looks like a good idea, Patty.  
37  
38 MS. GARZA: And then we can -- I guess the  
39 chairman can direct the Forest Service or whoever it  
40 would be to provide some information at the next  
41 meeting.  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If I can do that, I don't know  
44 if I'll be happy with this position. I'll want an  
45 escalation of authority here.  
46  
47 MR. ANDERSON: You'd probably want more pay too.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm starting to intoxicate  
50 myself with power. (Laughter)  
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1 MS. ROBINSON: Watch out, you'll be going the way  
2 of Stevens, Young and Murkowski.

3  
4 MS. GARZA: If you want, we can sober you up and  
5 bring you back down to earth. (Laughter)

6  
7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I want to continue my high for  
8 a little while.

9  
10 MS. ROBINSON: We'll let you know when you've had  
11 enough.

12  
13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So is it the wishes then of the  
14 group to do this now? Break into small groups now?

15  
16 MS. ROBINSON: What else did we have?

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18 MS. GARZA: No, we have to do the annual report  
19 stuff.

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21 MS. ROBINSON: The annual report. Plus it would  
22 be -- well, I guess we could work on them. Yeah.

23  
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, on the annual report, I  
25 think that -- I think we should familiarize ourselves  
26 with how much of that we're going to satisfy. I say  
27 that because the instructions includes us to deal with  
28 fish as well as wildlife and at this point in our  
29 report, I don't think we want to do any elaborating on  
30 fish. So that's the only thing I wanted to point out  
31 and probably -- I understand deleting that from the  
32 report.

33  
34 MS. GARZA: Say that again?

35  
36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I have to dig out my paddle.  
37 Okay, it's says, "The preparation of the annual report  
38 to the Secretary which shall contain an identification  
39 of current and anticipated subsistence use of fish and  
40 wildlife populations within the region; an evaluation  
41 of current and anticipated subsistence needs for fish  
42 and wildlife populations within the region; a  
43 recommended strategy for management of fish and  
44 wildlife populations within the region to accommodate  
45 said subsistence uses and needs and recommendations  
46 concerning policies, standards and guidelines and  
47 regulations to implement the strategies."

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49 If we're going to do that, we may as well take  
50 over the department.  
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1 MS. GARZA: Okay.  
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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, anyway, all I'm  
4 suggesting here is that we amend our response to this  
5 to do our best to satisfy this without including the  
6 fish portion is all I'm saying. Dolly?  
7  
8 MS. GARZA: I guess Mr. Chairman, it would be my  
9 preference that we have something about fish in there.  
10 Mostly a statement about our disappointment that we're  
11 not able to deal with fishery issues considering, you  
12 know, the Katie John -- the present status allows for  
13 us to deal with some portions of it. However, the  
14 Federal Subsistence Board policy is not to. And I  
15 think it should be in our report that we're quite  
16 anxious to start that process.  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, it called for  
19 recommendations concerning policies, standards and  
20 guidelines and regulations to implement the strategy.  
21 So that does give us that -- that can be our response  
22 to that portion.  
23  
24 MS. GARZA: Okay.  
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26 MS. LE CORNU: I think we could say that it's  
27 incumbent on us not to ignore it and, you know, we have  
28 to address it somehow even though it -- it's not within  
29 our domain right now.  
30  
31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, that's true and we can do  
32 that because they're asking for a lot. Recommendations  
33 concerning policies, standards and guidelines and  
34 regulations to implement the strategy. So we could  
35 incorporate that as part of our strategies. So, no  
36 problem.  
37  
38 MR. CLARK Mr. Chairman?  
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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred.  
41  
42 MR. CLARK: Would it be of assistance to the  
43 council to have examples of other regions' annual  
44 reports to review?  
45  
46 MS. GARZA: I think so.  
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48 MR. CLARK: For format and content. I don't have  
49 those at present but I could provide those to council  
50 members if they would like.  
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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do we have copies of our past  
2 reports from this region?

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4 MR. CLARK: No.

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6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I would be more interested in  
7 looking at those than other regions.

8  
9 MS. WILSON: Did Carol take it with her?

10  
11 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, maybe send us all back one.

12  
13 MS. GARZA: When does this have to be done?

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15 MR. CLARK: I think it's November -- mid-  
16 November, I think, is when it's due.

17  
18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See, the quandary or dilemma  
19 I'm having right now is -- is resulting from how this  
20 was dealt with previously. Like you heard Mr. Knauer  
21 explain to us the other day, it was drafted and  
22 reported by the same person, and responded to by the  
23 person that wrote the letter, see, and we're moving  
24 from that now. We're trying to -- we're trying to get  
25 into doing it like it was designed to in the first  
26 place. It just hasn't happened up to now. And that's  
27 why I say, I guess I'd like to see some previous  
28 reports. I've had them but I don't have a way of  
29 keeping that much paper around the house. So that we  
30 can craft our -- Bill.

31  
32 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman, the whole aspect of an  
33 annual report is permissive. ANILCA and our  
34 regulations provide the authority or opportunity for  
35 this council to do such. In that light, the annual  
36 report can essentially contain what you want it to  
37 contain.

38  
39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

40  
41 MR. KNAUER: And that -- it can address  
42 particular -- it can focus very narrowly on resource  
43 issues or concerns such as a management plan or habitat  
44 or a particular species or it can be broader. That's  
45 at the prerogative of your council -- how you wish to  
46 have it.

47  
48 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, the annual report can  
49 also be a good forum for the council to express its  
50 displeasure with the way the process is going. Dolly's  
51 concern about not being able to deal with fisheries

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1 could be brought up, or any other administrative or  
2 policy concerns that the council may have.

3  
4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, I'm agreeing with all  
5 this now. I guess, what I'm looking for now is some  
6 suggested guidance on how to -- how to approach.  
7 Sandy?

8  
9 MR. RABINOWITCH: Two points. One, just the  
10 other day in Anchorage at the meeting that you were at,  
11 but occurring after you had left -- after we had  
12 conducted business for the council, the board did get  
13 some information similar to what you've heard about  
14 past process and some of the inadequacies. So I think  
15 it is safe to predict that the board is going to pay a  
16 little more attention this time around. So I think  
17 that's a positive -- hopefully a positive change will  
18 start to occur.

19  
20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think so.

21  
22 MR. RABINOWITCH: And the board was all there and  
23 heard it and I think there were nods of consensus that  
24 "Yeah, we need to do better."

25  
26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh (affirmative).

27  
28 MR. RABINOWITCH: So I think that's a small sign  
29 of a -- it's hopefully a small step coming. The other  
30 now, in terms of the suggestion that you were just  
31 asking for, a moment ago, several of you spoke about  
32 Katie -- Katie John. One thing you could consider  
33 doing in your report is being as specific as you might  
34 wish with what kind of involvement relative to  
35 implementation of the Katie John decision which is, as  
36 you all know, not yet in hand and it may be soon or it  
37 may be still a few years away. But without doubt, if  
38 the court continues on the track that it's on, there  
39 will be some new regulations having to do with  
40 subsistence fish management. I think that's -- that's  
41 very clear. So in the development -- where I'm going  
42 is, that in the development of regulations, there's  
43 lots of ways to do that. One way is for people like us  
44 to sit away -- you know, at far away desks and write  
45 them all up and say here, you know, bring them to you  
46 -- "What do you think?" You're pretty familiar with  
47 that. And the other way is perhaps have councils like  
48 yourselves a little more involved in helping to develop  
49 them. I'm just trying to present...

50  
51 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, yeah.

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1  
2 MR. RABINOWITCH: ...both ends of the spectrum to  
3 -- if you have suggestions to the council about how you  
4 would want to participate in that, that might, you  
5 know, might be something that could yield some results.  
6 It's just suggestions.  
7

8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm glad -- I'm glad to hear  
9 this about the board. I was so pleased with the  
10 results of our involvement there that I felt a reward  
11 by leaving early. But what Sandy's saying -- and I've  
12 heard more than one time from members of the Federal  
13 Subsistence Board. The Federal Subsistence Board is  
14 essentially comprised of managers or directors or  
15 bosses of the various federal agencies in Alaska. Park  
16 Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service,  
17 Land Management and BIA. And at the meeting, when some  
18 of the issues get really involved, there's some of the  
19 members that are closer to this process than others.  
20 And some of them, the only time they're introduced to  
21 this is when they come to the meeting. And they'll say  
22 that, you know, "I have another job to do" and "I don't  
23 have" -- "I haven't had this much time to become this  
24 familiar with this issue."  
25

26 So, they really do rely on the stuff that we  
27 bring them. It's not like we're taking -- we're  
28 bringing our stuff to a well-informed group to make a  
29 comparison of wisdom. That's not the case. And so,  
30 I'm saying that to -- for us to have the courage to  
31 take on or to be more comfortable with more responsi-  
32 bility. I'm not saying that we haven't been doing a  
33 good job; we've been doing an outstanding job, but we  
34 just need to keep that up. But the board really does  
35 depend on our input. And if you read -- if you  
36 familiarize yourself with Title 8, you'll see where  
37 that needs to happen.  
38

39 There's a stranger in our community. He's from  
40 another corporation, but Jim is our -- my old friend  
41 has been involved in subsistence forever. I want to  
42 introduce Jim Martinez from Klawock.  
43

44 MR. MARTINEZ: May I speak, Mr. Chairman?  
45

46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, Jim.  
47

48 MR. MARTINEZ: I was just wondering, you know,  
49 since this is a subsistence board, I was wondering why  
50 Klawock wasn't included. My wife -- since that's a  
51 Native community and all the Natives should have an

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1 input on this place here.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm not -- I'm not -- I'm  
4 not...  
5  
6 MR. MARTINEZ: You know, like I say, look -- I  
7 look around but I don't see nobody from Klawock here.  
8 You know, this is what I'm wondering. You know, I  
9 think -- I think that the Native people are -- should  
10 have a say in the this, regardless of what they got up  
11 there, -- in the morning, that when you guys have the  
12 meeting, it should be held there, you know. And if we  
13 could have found you a place besides the ANB Hall.  
14 There -- in fact, there's two places. One down by the  
15 IRA -- which is Native, you know -- and one up at the  
16 school. All I'm saying is I -- the only way I heard  
17 about it was yesterday when I came in from work. In  
18 fact, I heard it from you. You said that there was  
19 going to be a meeting. I went to the Seventh Day  
20 Adventist's last night seeing if you guys were there  
21 and you guys weren't. And you guys got three days of  
22 meetings and it looked like all three days of meetings  
23 has been in Klawock -- I mean in Craig here.  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's true. We spent -- we  
26 spent a summer trying to establish a meeting in  
27 Klawock.  
28  
29 MS. LE CORNU: That's right.  
30  
31 MR. MARTINEZ: Well, why didn't you call somebody  
32 like me? I'm the president of Tlingit and Haida  
33 communities.  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I don't set up the meetings.  
36  
37 MR. MARTINEZ: Well, somebody -- somebody better  
38 ask these guys to set up a meeting in a place where  
39 there -- there's subsistence, you know. I know -- I  
40 understand that Craig is -- Craig is -- most of these  
41 people here are users. We're subsistence users up  
42 there.  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: None of these people are from  
45 Craig.  
46  
47 MR. MARTINEZ: Or wherever they're from.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All these people are part of  
50 the process. They're agencies' representatives. Do  
51 you have a representative from Klawock?

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1  
2 MR. MARTINEZ: I'm the president of the Tlingit  
3 and Haida community council up there.  
4

5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I understand. Dewey Skan is  
6 the appointed member of this council from Klawock.  
7

8 MR. MARTINEZ: That's right.  
9

10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And we're always looking for  
11 ways to improve. You know, we meet in different  
12 communities. The last time we met in Hoonah. We don't  
13 meet in the same place every time.  
14

15 MR. MARTINEZ: Yeah, well, I suppose you're going  
16 to say now that you met here in Craig, you're going to  
17 say well, we've met there in the Southeast in Craig and  
18 Klawock is only a few miles away. You ought to know  
19 our Native people by now. They don't come down here to  
20 the meeting.  
21

22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Settle -- settle down, Jim.  
23 There's no need for all that. We're in South -- this  
24 is a Southeast region. This is not a statewide  
25 council.  
26

27 MR. MARTINEZ: You mean Klawock -- Klawock isn't  
28 southeast region?  
29

30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I didn't say that. When I say  
31 region, I mean region. Southeast. I know Klawock's in  
32 Southeast. That's part of the region. We have a  
33 responsibility to them. At the same time, they have a  
34 responsib- -- this process now is going into its third  
35 year. And I don't know what we need to do to involve  
36 the communities. And, you know, you come down as one  
37 person. And I don't know if anybody else knows you're  
38 here.  
39

40 MR. MARTINEZ: Yeah, I don't think nobody does,  
41 you know.  
42

43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: See. So -- but what I'm saying  
44 is that we tried -- we tried to establish a meeting in  
45 Klawock. We couldn't. The people that were involved  
46 with this couldn't find a contact person. We were  
47 given names to contact and those people were out  
48 fishing. That's the word we got. Okay, a meeting like  
49 this involves probably 30 people to travel from  
50 different parts of the state and different parts of  
51 Southeast. They have to -- they have to make

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1 arrangements with their various offices. There's  
 2 information we've got to have. It's not like calling a  
 3 special committee meeting in a small town, where you  
 4 say, "Come on you guys, we're going to meet at 3  
 5 o'clock." We can't do that.

6  
 7 MR. MARTINEZ: Sir, I understand that. I  
 8 understand that the board -- that you guys were elected  
 9 or appointed by -- by the interior -- Secretary of the  
 10 Interior to -- to kind of look after the Native people  
 11 and their subsistence. And what I'm saying is that so  
 12 far, nobody in Klawock knows that the meeting's here.  
 13 I was lucky last night that I found out that the  
 14 meeting was going to be here. You'd have more people  
 15 here if they did.

16  
 17 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman?

18  
 19 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dolly.

20  
 21 MS. GARZA: I think that -- you know, I think in  
 22 large part, Jimmy, you are certainly justified to be  
 23 upset. The invitation to hold a meeting here in Craig  
 24 was made by someone who doesn't even live here. And if  
 25 it were made by Vicki or if it were made by Dewey, both  
 26 representatives on this council, I think they would  
 27 have taken the effort to make sure that the island was  
 28 invited and informed. But the person who invited us  
 29 here doesn't live here and then he didn't have any  
 30 follow-through.

31  
 32 MR. MARTINEZ: Well, I guess -- I guess Klawock  
 33 doesn't -- doesn't have the representation it should  
 34 have.

35  
 36 MS. GARZA: Well, you need to talk to Dewey about  
 37 that.

38  
 39 (Mr. Martinez leaves)

40  
 41 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, point of order.

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 43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty?

44  
 45 MS. PHILLIPS: Point of order, could we get back  
 46 to our annual report?

47  
 48 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.

49  
 50 MS. PHILLIPS: I was thinking that you brought up  
 51 the annual report as written in ANILCA that we could

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1 use these four guidelines as a part of an outline and  
 2 that each of these four issues be addressed in a  
 3 paragraph form and then the council could add on other  
 4 issues that they want to address. And I think that  
 5 this council should participate as much time as was  
 6 written in this letter that's going to Senator Stevens.

7  
 8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You mean, to commit that time  
 9 to the annual report...

10  
 11 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes.

12  
 13 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ...from here? It's 10 o'clock.  
 14 Mim?

15  
 16 MS. ROBINSON: Just for future consideration, it  
 17 seems to me that annual reports should be discussed at  
 18 the beginning of the fall meeting and then set aside  
 19 time throughout the three days to deal with it so that  
 20 it's not left on a situation like this.

21  
 22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah?

23  
 24 MR. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would think that  
 25 each individual council member should come prepared to  
 26 submit their region's annual report at the beginning of  
 27 the fall meeting which -- I know I was reading through  
 28 the minutes here and before, we had left it up to the  
 29 coordinator to do basically our job. And, of course,  
 30 that lends to confusion.

31  
 32 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Would it be of any help if we  
 33 made copies of my chairman's report, reporting on some  
 34 of the activities around? Would that be helpful in  
 35 your crafting...

36  
 37 MS. ROBINSON: Sure.

38  
 39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ...crafting a letter?

40  
 41 MS. ROBINSON: Sure. Anything to start with.

42  
 43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Sure.

44  
 45 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah.

46  
 47 MS. LE CORNU: Mr. Chair?

48  
 49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

50  
 51 MS. LE CORNU: I'd like our annual report to read

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1 that we do have a responsibility to subsistence users  
2 here in this region -- well, from where I'm -- on the  
3 island, I guess. That the major uses of sub -- for  
4 their subsistence lifestyle are fish. So this is the  
5 major portion of their subsistence that we're  
6 considering and we need to be responsible to it.  
7

8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's true. I have to  
9 mention, regarding Klawock's expressed frustration with  
10 this. That's a good reminder of how we need to impress  
11 on people in this region that they are in fact -- we're  
12 attempting to represent them the best that we can.  
13 Dewey's here. Vicki's here. There's not that much  
14 uniqueness between the communities on Prince of Wales  
15 to where that anything that we do here wouldn't benefit  
16 Klawock as well, so. I just wanted you to understand  
17 that. So...  
18

19 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman?  
20

21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.  
22

23 MS. WILSON: This might be a little bit off the  
24 subject but that's what this council's for. There was  
25 a man that came here earlier and mentioned his concerns  
26 and he doesn't know the process whereas we do. And did  
27 he come to anybody for help to make a proposal or did  
28 anybody approach him to help him?  
29

30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, we did. Yep.  
31

32 MS. WILSON: I wanted to know.  
33

34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We had -- they had all of our  
35 talents at his disposal if he wanted it and he knew  
36 that. We let him know. Mim?  
37

38 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, I've -- when Jim was talking  
39 there about knowing about this meeting, I was talking  
40 with Dennis Watson yesterday and he didn't -- he had  
41 just found out about it. He wasn't even sure exactly  
42 where we were meeting or what days or anything. And  
43 I'm just wondering what -- what process was followed in  
44 notification. You know, newspapers, radio, notices  
45 posted. What was done to advertise this meeting? Does  
46 anyone know?  
47

48 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman -- and Bill, you may be  
49 able to help me out on this and Rachel too, I think,  
50 since you're more intimate with the operations of the  
51 Fish and Wildlife Service office. But there were

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1 advertisements in all the community newspapers.  
2  
3 MS. ROBINSON: How long ago?  
4  
5 MR. CLARK: Last...  
6  
7 MS. GARZA: For weeks.  
8  
9 MS. ROBINSON: It's been for weeks it's been  
10 announced?  
11  
12 MR. CLARK: It's been out. There were radio spots  
13 that were obtained. There were packages of these  
14 bright posters that you've seen. Those were sent out  
15 to each of the ranger districts. And I called each of  
16 the ranger districts, asking for their assistance in  
17 distributing those posters among the community and  
18 getting those out. I think...  
19  
20 MS. ROBINSON: Were those posted in this -- Dave  
21 or...  
22  
23 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman?  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dave.  
26  
27 MR. JOHNSON: Those posters -- I personally had  
28 those posted in the A&P store in Klawock, in the post  
29 office in Klawock and in Black Bear, which is a place  
30 that people frequent very often in Klawock. The same  
31 process was used here. We had posters posted in  
32 Thompson House, in the post office and at, I believe it  
33 was Lacy's Pizza, and also in City Hall.  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Dale?  
36  
37 MR. KANEN: I also gave a handful over to the  
38 Aaron Isaacs who covers A&P in Klawock as well as on  
39 the council with the local IRA.  
40  
41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah. No, we, you know...  
42  
43 MS. ROBINSON: Thoroughly covered, it sounds  
44 like.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.  
47  
48 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, okay.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It if doesn't fit, you must  
51 acquit.

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1  
2 MR. CAPRA: Mr. Chairman?  
3  
4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.  
5  
6 MR. CAPRA: One other thing we heard that I also  
7 heard off our public radio, which is out of Sitka. I  
8 heard it announced on there.  
9  
10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, so, you know, -- you  
11 know, there's some communities...  
12  
13 MS. ROBINSON: People hear what they want to  
14 hear.  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There's some communities that  
17 have been around fish farming too long. The only time  
18 they move is when they see a hand come up with fish  
19 pellets. And that's the kind of mentality they take on  
20 some times. So we got to deal with that, so -- Vicki?  
21  
22 MS. LE CORNU: I just wanted to remind people, I  
23 know Fred made a really good attempt at getting Klawock  
24 because I wanted it to happen in Craig but I was quite  
25 willing to see it happen in Klawock. I would rather  
26 have had it happen in Klawock. But I think that  
27 attempts were made to contact people and we -- you  
28 can't contact every organization.  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The first of September --  
31 around there -- I was in Anchorage. I said, "How's our  
32 -- how's our meetings going?" And he said, "Well, I  
33 haven't been able to contact anybody in Klawock and  
34 then they said they're all full." I said, "Well,  
35 schedule it for Craig." I said, "Go to Craig." I  
36 said, "We don't have the luxury of jockeying everything  
37 from one place to the next." So, you know, we had to  
38 have some lead time, so that's how it wound up here.  
39 You know, we got to be -- a month lead time isn't too  
40 much.  
41  
42 MR. SCHENK: Mr. Chairman, we've had the similar  
43 problem with our Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
44 meetings out here and some of the other public  
45 meetings. And the only thing we've done in addition to  
46 what's been done already is we used the TV scanner and  
47 putting an ad on that. That seemed to help get more  
48 turnout because a lot of people see that on TV. Just  
49 a, you know, maybe a point of information or suggestion  
50 of it was utilized.  
51

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: If it's not associated with T&A  
2 and they're not going to watch it anyway.

3  
4 MS. ROBINSON: It's a good idea though.

5  
6 MR. ANDERSON: John, it looks like you have a PR  
7 situation.

8  
9 MR. FELLER: Oh, yeah. Anticipating. (Laughter)  
10 But we only have Wrangell.

11  
12 MS. ROBINSON: Better not drop the ball, John.

13  
14 MR. ANDERSON; Be forewarned.

15  
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty?

17  
18 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, it's just, you know,  
19 when you see this sense of frustration and so much of  
20 our Native community feel that way. And I feel that  
21 way, myself. But I'm on this council to represent  
22 these people and I have to fight that frustration as  
23 I'm doing now. But we can't feel bad because we didn't  
24 hold the meeting in Klawock. We have to continue on  
25 with our diligence...

26  
27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Exactly.

28  
29 MS. PHILLIPS: ...and our persistence to maintain  
30 the subsistence lifestyle.

31  
32 MS. ROBINSON: That's right.

33  
34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Exactly. That's the difference  
35 between discipline and lack of discipline. Plain and  
36 simple. Thank you, Patty. We all share the same  
37 feelings on that.

38  
39 MS. RUDOLPH: Mr. Chairman, I think we're went  
40 through the same thing with Hoonah when they had the  
41 meeting there. Short of maybe going from house to  
42 house to inform the people. And then when you do  
43 inform them, they're too busy, it's the wrong time and  
44 then after it was all over, everybody was frustrated  
45 and said, "Well, how come we didn't -- weren't kept  
46 informed? What does this committee do? What does this  
47 board do? What can they do for us?" But they want to  
48 give you a day by day, sentence by sentence of what  
49 this board is trying to do. So, the frustration you  
50 feel right now, I think, is something we're going to  
51 have to deal with all the time.

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1  
2 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But the thing about it is, I  
3 think we've established a chemistry dynamic. I think  
4 we all -- we're all sharing the same commitment; we all  
5 want the same results. And I don't think anybody here  
6 is really feeling different about anything. And I  
7 think we're fortunate to have that. And it's only  
8 going to be persevering diligence that's going to pay  
9 off. If we crumble to that, then everybody loses.  
10  
11 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman? Oh. Were you going  
12 to give us copies?  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You scared me, yeah. I didn't  
15 want...  
16  
17 (Laughter)  
18  
19 MS. WILSON: Were you going to give us copies of  
20 your report?  
21  
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, I didn't want to touch it  
23 after (indiscernible - unclear).  
24  
25 MS. WILSON: I wonder if we could just divide up  
26 into committees and start writing and then come all  
27 together and put our ideas together into a one sheet  
28 report.  
29  
30 MS. ROBINSON: Maybe the people working on that  
31 letter can be working on the letter and others can be  
32 working on the annual report. When we're done with the  
33 letter, we can work on the annual report.  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think we'll take a five-  
36 minute break.  
37  
38 (Off record - 10:41 a.m.)  
39 (On record - 10:48 a.m.)  
40  
41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We want to deal with our  
42 documents now. You guys want to -- if you could, give  
43 me some idea on what your druthers are on when and how  
44 we deal with this report? Are we going to take -- are  
45 we going to submit our own input for compilation into a  
46 letter or what?  
47  
48 MS. ROBINSON: We're looking over here.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Maybe what we'll do -- what  
51 we'll probably do, Fred, is in the event that we don't

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1 get input from everybody, we'll go ahead and go forward  
2 with a report and before we submit it, we'll fax it to  
3 whoever's got faxes or mail it to them if they don't  
4 have faxes.

5  
6 MR. CLARK: Right.

7  
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So that -- so that if there's  
9 any heartburn or anything that needs to be added or  
10 changed can happen. Dolly?

11  
12 MS. GARZA: I guess the way I see it set up in  
13 terms of organization and it's fairly similar to your  
14 report, Mr. Chairman is a little bit on the past, you  
15 know, the creation; who's seated on the board; the  
16 ANILCA responsibilities; the fact that the coordinator  
17 has changed; what we've done in the last year -- and  
18 that was the information at the Hoonah meeting. I'm  
19 not sure what designates the year to whether or not we  
20 would discuss what we did at this meeting. And then a  
21 section on the future -- that we need to look at  
22 fisheries. That would be the statement that, I think,  
23 both Vicki and I, at least, would like to have  
24 included. That we will need to look at C&T on a much  
25 broader scale and that, like you mentioned earlier,  
26 that we are ready to assume greater responsibilities.

27  
28 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman. I would suggest that  
29 in the annual report, you want to put as much up-to-  
30 date information as you can. And then in your later  
31 report, you may refer back to that report. You know,  
32 like for this meeting (indiscernible - unclear).

33  
34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: It asks for recommendations and  
35 strategies and this, so we can incorporate a lot.

36  
37 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to  
38 ask the council if everybody's filled out that little  
39 form that I sent out to make sure I have everybody's  
40 current fax numbers and telephone numbers and stuff  
41 like that so as it's developed, we make sure everybody  
42 has all the information.

43  
44 MS. GARZA: Did I give you mine?

45  
46 MR. CLARK: I believe so.

47  
48 MS. GARZA: Okay, because I can't find it. I  
49 hope I did.

50  
51 ~~MR. CLARK: I'll check in my pile here in a~~

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1 minute.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.  
4  
5 MS. ROBINSON: It's awfully cold in here.  
6  
7 MS. GARZA: Put your coat on.  
8  
9 MR. ANDERSON: Well, come over here. (Laughter)  
10 Subsistence.  
11  
12 MS. ROBINSON: Lonnie, you're blushing.  
13  
14 MR. ANDERSON: That was the heat.  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: So am I.  
17  
18 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you, Dolly.  
19  
20 MS. GARZA: It's cracked, so just for air. If  
21 that's too much, let me know.  
22  
23 MS. ROBINSON: No, I can feel a difference  
24 already.  
25  
26 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, at our last meeting,  
27 Mr. Vale made a motion that we draft a letter to the  
28 various organizations around Southeast -- Native  
29 organizations, corporations, city governments --  
30 expressing to them that we ask them to identify  
31 important subsistence issues in their communities. And  
32 then we could look at that information when we take up  
33 our annual report. And I just asked Fred if he -- you  
34 know, if he knew anything about a -- this -- a letter  
35 being done and he said, no, he had no idea of a letter  
36 being done.  
37  
38 MS. ROBINSON: What page is that in there, Patty?  
39  
40 MS. PHILLIPS: Well, page 37. That was a  
41 suggestion and then it was made into a motion.  
42  
43 MS. WILSON: I don't have that.  
44  
45 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I might also add that  
46 I've not been able to thoroughly go through the files  
47 that were left in that office.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We can still do that. We can  
50 still do that. It's an excellent approach and a good  
51 reminder. ~~It's actually an excellent reminder but I~~

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1 just wanted to leave that good for now, so -- that's a  
2 lot of correspondence but that's the way to go. And if  
3 we can get that kind of feedback from communities, it  
4 would really -- would really be a help.  
5  
6 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, it would.  
7  
8 MS. GARZA: Can you do that?  
9  
10 MR. CLARK: Certainly.  
11  
12 MS. GARZA: Okay.  
13  
14 MS. ROBINSON: You know, one thing -- Mr.  
15 Chairman?  
16  
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mim.  
18  
19 MS. ROBINSON: One thing I wrote on my -- that  
20 paper that Fred just asked -- that he wanted to make  
21 sure we all turned in -- on the bottom of that, I  
22 commented that I would like to see copies of any  
23 correspondence that we have requested the coordinator  
24 or the chairman write and send. I don't have to see it  
25 -- the draft or anything, but I want to see the  
26 finished copy so that I know that it's been done and  
27 what it said, just for my own information purposes.  
28 And this is a good example of why that needs to happen.  
29 You know, this was something that we definitely passed  
30 a motion on and it should have been done and, you know,  
31 -- so anyway, I don't know how we go about guaranteeing  
32 that that happens but...  
33  
34 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, this is -- this is a  
35 little bit of assurance because that part of the  
36 information has been available to us and we don't have  
37 to look through reams of paper to find it. So that's  
38 helpful.  
39  
40 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, but just how do we go about  
41 making sure that we get copies of things? I mean, I  
42 don't -- is there any way to get that in writing, you  
43 know, I mean...  
44  
45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What do you mean by "things:?"  
46  
47 MS. ROBINSON: Letters, reports, whatever. Like  
48 this -- like this thing, ...  
49  
50 MS. LE CORNU: Letters to communities.  
51

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1 MS. ROBINSON: ...this letter to the communities.  
2 That -- I would like to make sure that I see a copy of  
3 that letter after it's been written.  
4

5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.  
6

7 MS. ROBINSON: And any other thing -- is there --  
8 is there any other correspondence we've -- it seems to  
9 me we wanted Bill to write a letter yesterday about  
10 something. Does anyone remember what that was? See,  
11 it's things like that. So I think we need to keep a  
12 list of what...  
13

14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Isn't that the one you and I  
15 did? I think we were a committee of two on that one.  
16

17 MS. ROBINSON: No, that's something else. There  
18 was -- there was a letter that we wanted Bill to write  
19 for us yesterday.  
20

21 MS. PHILLIPS: No, there was -- Mr. Chair?  
22

23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.  
24

25 MS. PHILLIPS: If you wrote a letter -- you know,  
26 using your own stationery but putting your -- with your  
27 name...  
28

29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All right.  
30

31 MS. PHILLIPS: ...Bill Thomas, Chairman of --  
32 that would be helpful, you know, to see letters of --  
33 well, since you are chair. But I heard it was a good  
34 letter, I haven't read it myself.  
35

36 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: What I did was, when  
37 Murkowski's bill, 1059...  
38

39 UNIDENTIFIED: 1054.  
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41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: 1054. When they had a workshop  
42 in Ketchikan, I hammered out a statement on my personal  
43 letterhead but I signed it and identified myself as a  
44 chairman of this council, see.  
45

46 MS. ROBINSON: Now see, copies of those should go  
47 out to the council members, I think.  
48

49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Okay. That -- now,  
50 remember when I had that self-evaluation one year,  
51 that's the kind of informa ...

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1 MS. ROBINSON: That's something you need to know.  
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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's the kind of information  
4 I was looking for, see.  
5  
6 MS. ROBINSON: Right. Okay.  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And then we can do that.  
9  
10 MR. CLARK: I have copies of that.  
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12 MS. ROBINSON: Do you?  
13  
14 MR. CLARK: Blank copies of the self-  
15 evaluation...  
16  
17 MS. ROBINSON: Okay.  
18  
19 MR. CLARK: ...should you want to do that again.  
20  
21 MS. ROBINSON: Oh.  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, I think that carry over's  
24 been very successful.  
25  
26 MS. ROBINSON: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
27  
28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: But that's a good point and I'm  
29 glad to hear that because I didn't know -- since we  
30 didn't meet on it and since I didn't identify it as  
31 council action. But I agree, it's good for you guys to  
32 see because some of them might come back to bite me  
33 sometime...  
34  
35 MS. ROBINSON: Sure.  
36  
37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ...and then you guys will know  
38 that.  
39  
40 MS. ROBINSON: Well, basically I -- in any  
41 council or board or anything like that -- things should  
42 not be -- basically I think things should not --  
43 letters should not go out unless the council knows  
44 what's going to be said because you're representing the  
45 council. However, I'm willing -- I trust you and I'm  
46 willing to go ahead and give you that leeway, but I  
47 want to see later...  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, yeah.  
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1 MS. ROBINSON: ...what you've written.  
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3 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: My letter said that I  
4 represented myself.  
5  
6 MS. ROBINSON: Okay.  
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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: And I did. I represented  
9 myself, but I did identify myself as the chairman.  
10  
11 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah. Yeah. But by doing that,  
12 you also are bringing us into it, so...  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I wasn't going to go down  
15 alone. (Laughter)  
16  
17 MR. ANDERSON: Good boy.  
18  
19 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman?  
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21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Marilyn.  
22  
23 MS. WILSON: When I was reading over that report  
24 from the public hearings on the Kenai C&T, there was a  
25 lot of derogatory and negative things about the  
26 councils that were representing subsistence users and  
27 it goes to show you how negative a lot of people -- or  
28 how ignorant a lot of people are about what goes on.  
29 And I was wondering how each of us, as a council  
30 member, could improve this -- this negative viewing of  
31 us as a working council. Like I at home, I don't do  
32 that much to involve everybody. And like, I belong to  
33 the Fish and Game -- State Fish and Game Advisory  
34 Committee, but we haven't had any meetings and they  
35 haven't been taking care of subsistence issues at all,  
36 of course.  
37  
38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: There's -- those are good  
39 points and something I would like to again say is that  
40 -- the difference between discipline and no discipline.  
41 We hear in different areas, in church, in school,  
42 about role models. Essentially, that's what we are in  
43 this. And we're just going to have to maintain that.  
44 The first time we allow ourselves to get caught up in  
45 the same the same emotional expressions as everybody  
46 else, then we're into a losing battle. Dolly?  
47  
48 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, my job is with the  
49 University of Alaska, with the marine advisory program.  
50 It's marine education and one of the areas that I do  
51 focus on is subsistence education and in the last, you

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1 know, six years I've gathered slides that serve to  
 2 educate people about contemporary uses of subsistence  
 3 in urban Southeast. And that's exactly what I'm trying  
 4 to do, Marilyn, is to show people the value of seaweed  
 5 gathering, of herring egg gathering, you know, of  
 6 smoking fish. And to give people an idea of what it  
 7 means -- that it still exists not just in rural Alaska  
 8 and it isn't just a meat on the table thing but it's  
 9 cultural, it's society, you know, it's a good  
 10 lifestyle. And perhaps what we should consider as this  
 11 council -- I would be willing to bring these slides to  
 12 the next meeting and show them -- is try and put  
 13 together something bigger. If all of you can bring  
 14 slides or pictures, maybe we can get something bigger  
 15 together. What the UAF museum did for me was they took  
 16 a small portion of that and turned it into a video that  
 17 they now use at that museum. And I think that's the  
 18 kinds of things we have to do, is hit little pockets of  
 19 education here and there where people will pick it up  
 20 and say, "Oh, that's what it means." And maybe -- at  
 21 that time we consider doing like a two or three page,  
 22 this is what subsistence in Southeast is. And have  
 23 some nice pretty pictures and get a grant from the  
 24 Forest Service or somebody and put it in our words, not  
 25 in agency words but as council member words.

26  
 27 MS. WILSON: That sounds good.

28  
 29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Bill. I did happen  
 30 to find a copy of correspondence that I -- I'm sorry, I  
 31 was involved in another -- I got a call from Deb in  
 32 Pelican and so just based on information she gave me, I  
 33 put that together and then I sent her a copy of that.  
 34 And I just happen to have one in my briefcase. I  
 35 usually get a dollar and a half a piece for them but  
 36 these will be complimentary copies to you guys. Hank.

37  
 38 MR. NEWHOUSE: Mr. Chairman, I strongly support  
 39 what Dolly has suggested to...

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 41 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: By all means.

42  
 43 MR. NEWHOUSE: ...raise the visibility of what  
 44 the council is doing here in Southeast.

45  
 46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: By all means.

47  
 48 MR. NEWHOUSE: Whatever vehicle -- whether we --  
 49 whether to ask for a grant or something like that to  
 50 even -- for somebody to come in and enhance that  
 51 documentation. To even take a series of video the

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1 council in action doing their duties and then all  
2 aspects of that, and showing how it all works together.  
3 And that would be just an excellent way to communicate  
4 with the people here in Southeast Alaska.  
5

6 MS. GARZA: Does the Forest Service have that  
7 kind of grant money available? Somebody just say yes.  
8 (Laughter)  
9

10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Patty.  
11

12 MS. PHILLIPS: I would suggest that we -- like a  
13 public -- a public notice or a -- I'm not sure what  
14 it's called, but we send it on to Heartbeat Alaska and  
15 to that -- the Native man, Gary, who does Native  
16 news...  
17

18 MS. GARZA: Gary Fife.  
19

20 MS. PHILLIPS: Gary Fife. And so they -- so that  
21 the commun- -- the public can be aware of what we're  
22 doing after -- after we meet because it doesn't go  
23 anywhere. So if we can make -- and all across Alaska  
24 people are hearing about it. What is that called -- a  
25 press release.  
26

27 MR. NEWHOUSE: I'm a little bit disappointed  
28 because Jerry Holt (ph) was supposed to have been in  
29 attendance at this meeting and I don't know what  
30 happened. Maybe the day that he was flying out was the  
31 day we had the bad weather and he changed his mind --  
32 just got involved with that. But he was going to do --  
33 and if he would have been here and done some of the  
34 interviews that what would have happened, this meeting  
35 would have been on Alaska Native News, a program that  
36 he does. And I'm disappointed that he wasn't able to  
37 make it.  
38

39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Sandy.  
40

41 MR. RABINOWITCH: Another suggestion that you  
42 might follow up on -- I'd suggest that perhaps through  
43 Fred -- that he contact Taylor Brelsford, who works for  
44 Fish and Wildlife in the subsistence program and is the  
45 Chief of Planning and Public Involvement for the  
46 subsistence program. And just explore the possibi-  
47 lities within -- as a lead federal agency with the Fish  
48 and Wildlife Services to see if they could also bring  
49 some resources to bear on the very point that you're  
50 talking about. Public people with money. I don't know  
51 whether they can or not, it's not my agency but I think

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1 it's another place to seek some assistance.  
2

3 MS. GARZA: I think that all you guys should be  
4 required to be sworn to secrecy because this was our  
5 idea first. So you can't go to another council meeting  
6 and say (Laughter) -- we get first dibs at granting.  
7

8 MR. TUREK: Mr. Chairman, Mike Turek from the  
9 Division of Subsistence, Southeast Region, so we'd be  
10 more than happy to work with you on that. All of our  
11 resources that we have in our offices are available to  
12 you. Photographs and other things -- videos. And we  
13 would be more than happy to work with -- I think it's  
14 an excellent idea that Dolly brought up. That's just  
15 the kind that we'd like to be doing so we'd be more  
16 than happy to work with you on that.  
17

18 MS. GARZA: Maybe you and I could talk about it  
19 when you come over to Sitka?  
20

21 MR. TUREK: Sure, yeah.  
22

23 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I was just going to request of  
24 you, Dolly, for you to do that. Thank you.  
25

26 MS. GARZA: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
27

28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Mr. Knauer?  
29

30 MR. KNAUER: Mr. Chairman, the Federal  
31 Subsistence Program does have a brochure about the  
32 program that's a little old now but it's still got a  
33 lot of good information. We would be more than happy  
34 to provide each of the council members with multiple  
35 copies so that if they go to a community meeting or a  
36 rotary or a...  
37

38 MS. WILSON: ANB convention.  
39

40 MR. KNAUER: ...Lions or whatever, you could --  
41 you know, you could pass them out or it would be  
42 available to put in a local office.  
43

44 MS. GARZA: Distribute.  
45

46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Distribute. Distribute.  
47

48 MR. KNAUER: Yes, Mr. Chair.  
49

50 MS. WILSON: How about a bunch of copies for the  
51 ~~ANB and ANS conventions? That would get it out to all~~

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1 the communities.  
2  
3 MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman?  
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5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Rachel.  
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7 MS. MASON: I just want to go on record to say I  
8 will help put together the program.  
9  
10 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. And in reference to  
11 what Marilyn was just now suggesting, she mentioned  
12 that Grand Camp would be a good place to distribute  
13 that information. And Grand Camp is occurring in  
14 Hydaburg the third week...  
15  
16 MS. WILSON: The 12th.  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The 12th. The week of the 12th  
19 of November. And that's usually attended by all the  
20 communities in Southeast and the delegation is right  
21 around 120 people. With the observers and everything,  
22 it's usually around 200 people. Some of you have been  
23 to Grand Camp in Juneau and other places, so.  
24  
25 MS. GARZA: Well, the other -- the communities  
26 we're missing are communities such as PA and Point  
27 Baker and Elfin Cove. They generally don't attend  
28 Grant Camp, so we'll need to think of another forum.  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You guys don't have an ANB camp  
31 in Port Alexander?  
32  
33 MS. ROBINSON: We gather subsistence though.  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, are we essentially  
36 satisfied with the guidance and anticipations we have  
37 now for crafting -- for further correspondence and  
38 documents?  
39  
40 MS. ROBINSON: Fred's still looking to see what  
41 it was that we had asked you to write yesterday. Well,  
42 actually, he's working on something else right now, I  
43 think, but he was looking.  
44  
45 MR. CLARK: Yes, we seem to have lost the letter.  
46 Not the whole thing but -- or the modifications that  
47 we put in this morning. Do you have those written  
48 down?  
49  
50 MS. ROBINSON: Well, no, not really.  
51

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1 MS. GARZA: Oh, we were going to -- he was going  
2 to write a letter to Hoonah -- Hoonah tribe and say we  
3 support the effort.  
4  
5 MS. ROBINSON: Was that -- was that -- I thought  
6 of that, but I thought there was something -- it was  
7 something else.  
8  
9 MS. GARZA: I don't think so.  
10  
11 MS. ROBINSON: It was just that letter?  
12  
13 MS. GARZA: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
14  
15 MS. ROBINSON: So you lost the letter, huh? Bad  
16 boy.  
17  
18 MR. CLARK: I saved it to disk and we took it  
19 over to the District office to print it out and  
20 apparently...  
21  
22 MS. ROBINSON: It wasn't there.  
23  
24 MR. CLARK: The file name was there but the file  
25 wasn't.  
26  
27 MS. ROBINSON: Back to the drawing board.  
28  
29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay, I know -- I know...  
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31 MS. ROBINSON: I think we can...  
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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I know -- I know...  
34  
35 MS. ROBINSON: ...piece it back together.  
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37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: ...that people are leaving at  
38 different times and I would like to give you an  
39 opportunity, again, for comment. I like to make  
40 provisions for public -- like I said, if you're from an  
41 agency, you're not part of the public in this case.  
42 And I have made provisions for everybody to have an  
43 opportunity to comment or to maybe share some of their  
44 observations regarding the meeting or maybe just some  
45 of your own individual thoughts. So, before we do  
46 that, I want to express to you how appreciative I am of  
47 all of you that have really been involved in this. It  
48 was more than posturing, it was sincere. And I think  
49 we're going to wind up with a good product as a result  
50 and a product that's not going to be limited to this  
51 region. I think it's something that's going to

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benefit, in many ways, the rest of the regions in Alaska. And I'm -- I'm real proud to say that. With that, we'll extend our courtesies of expression to the State first. If you have no comment, just say no comment. Millie?

MS. STEVENS: Bill, can I comment and say something? I'm on my way to work and I wanted to say something...

COURT REPORTER: You need to come up to the microphone.

MS. STEVENS: Change of atmosphere, huh?

MR. ANDERSON: No fried bread this morning?

MS. STEVENS: I didn't get up at 6 o'clock, thank you. Well, good morning everyone. I've certainly enjoyed having you all here. I'm sorry we didn't have more local participation but there's a lot of things happening on our island that people weren't able to make it. I've been making phone calls.

One of the things I want to comment on is the Eleven Mile issue. I have been to numerous, numerous, numerous meetings. And I don't know if we have to plant a goshawk or whatever they call those things or a spotted owl in that area or come up with a new tribe that's goshawk or white owl -- but this issue is very dear to our hearts here on Prince of Wales. That has been a subsistence area since long before I came around.

And I just -- for the life of me, I cannot figure out why our subsistence is always set on the back burner. This is -- this is a way of life with us. This is part of us. It's like if we were farmers and they took our cows and our chickens away, you know, how are those people going to feel? We live off the land.

I take care of my elderly parents. The bulk of our diet is our traditional foods. If I were to take the traditional foods away from my parents, they're not going to want to eat anymore. It's the traditional foods that we've eaten all of our lives.

I have family that live in the Lower 48 that every now and then, we send a care package. And they share with all the Alaska Natives that live in their area. When I lived in Seattle and my parents sent me a

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1 care package, everyone I knew came to my house. You  
 2 know, it's stuff that we're accustomed to and I just --  
 3 I cannot believe that that area eventually is going to  
 4 get logged. I mean, you might as well kill all of us  
 5 off and get it over with. You know, I just feel that  
 6 we can come to some type of compromise. It's been  
 7 talked about -- the large percentage of timber that's  
 8 been cut on Prince of Wales -- why don't they move  
 9 somewhere else? Why is it Prince of Wales?

10  
 11 We have feelings; we have concerns; we share our  
 12 traditional foods; we don't waste any of our  
 13 traditional foods. Everything is utilized. For the --  
 14 I moved back home in 1986 and I don't know how much  
 15 prior to '86 that they started logging in this area,  
 16 but it just seems odd that since we've had all new  
 17 people come to the island -- I've been out hunting  
 18 numerous times and found a deer with just the  
 19 hindquarter gone. You know, and it just -- I can't  
 20 believe that someone would just take the hindquarters.  
 21 I mean we -- we use the hide; we use everything.  
 22 Everything. We've been taught to respect the land, to  
 23 respect food, to respect people. People come in and  
 24 they, you know -- our land is just -- our natural  
 25 resources are being taken away from us. And it's like  
 26 we have our hands tied.

27  
 28 We have all these rules and regulations. I don't  
 29 have a problem with rules and regulations, but it needs  
 30 to apply to everyone. When we do our subsistence  
 31 fishing for sockeye in the Klawock Inlet, the Fish and  
 32 Game people are there, they're breathing down our  
 33 necks. And yet, our sea cucumber, (indiscernible -  
 34 unclear) has been commercialized in this area. Do you  
 35 see those guys out there checking on the commercial  
 36 guys? They are in our subsistence areas. And yet,  
 37 when we complain, they look at us like we're nuts.

38  
 39 I have a hard time because then it comes down to  
 40 a prejudice issue. The Natives against the non-  
 41 Natives. You know, we all live here. I think we  
 42 should all share and I think that the rules and  
 43 regulations should apply to everyone. I don't care  
 44 what color your skin is. Everyone should abide by the  
 45 law and that's not happening. So when this happens --  
 46 the local Natives see this happen -- naturally, their  
 47 guards are up and they're pointing the finger. And I  
 48 just -- you know, I can't stress enough -- I don't  
 49 know, as Native people, what we can do to protect our  
 50 traditional areas.

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1           You know, Marlene Sprigg (ph) and I said when  
2 they -- if they ever commercial seaweed, we're going to  
3 be out there with our shotguns, you know, because  
4 everything else in this area -- the Prince of Wales  
5 Island is such a unique area. We can go get gumboots;  
6 we can get clams; we can get seaweed; we can get deer;  
7 we can get fish; we can get seal. You know, everything  
8 is right here. You know, all the foods that we've  
9 enjoyed from way back when and now a lot of non-Natives  
10 are enjoying it and that's fine, but I have a problem  
11 with the waste. I have a problem with the subsistence  
12 -- where we're watched and the commercial people can  
13 come and go as they please. I have a problem with the  
14 Lower 48 people that come here, make money off our  
15 resources and that money is not spent here on this  
16 island. It's -- they take it south. And I -- you  
17 know, I attend all the meetings that I possibly can. I  
18 sit on the city council; I sit on every committee on  
19 this island to give my input, not just only for the  
20 Natives, for the people of this island. And I -- you  
21 know, I just don't know what more we can do. I don't  
22 know how we can stress or if go find a spotted owl set  
23 it out there and if it'll even stay at Eleven Mile.

24  
25           But I couldn't leave without giving you all my  
26 concern. And I just hope that we can come to some type  
27 of compromise. I thought we did come to a compromise  
28 when we were going to the meetings in Klawock. And I  
29 understand there's a few people in Klawock that were  
30 unaware that you all were here on the island and  
31 they're bent out of shape because Klawock says that  
32 they're more traditional than we are in Craig. You  
33 know, when I was growing up we were a majority and now  
34 we're a minority.

35  
36           And, like I said earlier, there's a lot of things  
37 happening on the island. They're having their village  
38 corporation meeting today. Yesterday they had other  
39 meetings at the hall and it's really unfortunate that  
40 the ANB hall was booked up. Klawock is kind of the  
41 center or our island and they do have the ANB hall so  
42 we try and have all our big meetings at the ANB hall.  
43 Because everyone knows -- you know, the local people  
44 know if there's cars parked, they stop to see what's  
45 going on. You know, they just peek in and see if it's  
46 something they're interested in. And anyways, I got my  
47 complaining out.

48  
49           I hope you all were able to get out and see a  
50 little bit of our island because it is -- it's really  
51 beautiful here. The people the bulk of the people

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1 are very friendly and I hope that you will come back.  
2 And I need to get to work so I can pay for my car.  
3 (Laughter) You all have a good weekend.  
4

5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: All you Natives sound alike.  
6

7 MR. ANDERSON: My car is a subsistence item now.  
8

9 MS. STEVENS: Okay, thank you.  
10

11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You know, Millie, before you  
12 leave, thank you for your expressions. You have voiced  
13 the same thing that we hear across the state and you  
14 voiced expressions that some people would like to make  
15 but are afraid to. So, we all realize the represent-  
16 ation that you bring with you and we appreciate you  
17 doing that. Thank you.  
18

19 MS. STEVENS: And if you're still here on  
20 Tuesday, vote for me for City Council. (Laughter)  
21

22 MR. NEWHOUSE: Mr. Chairman, I recommend that  
23 Millie's comments that have been taped here be added as  
24 a...  
25

26 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Part of the record?  
27

28 MR. NEWHOUSE: ...an attachment to the letter  
29 that you're getting ready to send...  
30

31 MS. ROBINSON: It sounds like it should go in the  
32 annual report. Or are you talking about with the...  
33

34 MR. NEWHOUSE: ...with the letter. Because I  
35 think that...  
36

37 MS. ROBINSON: To Stevens, you mean?  
38

39 MR. NEWHOUSE: ...I think that says it all.  
40

41 MS. LE CORNU: On Eleven Mile.  
42

43 MS. ROBINSON: Eleven Mile? It does say what  
44 we're dealing with.  
45

46 MR. NEWHOUSE: It says it very eloquently.  
47

48 MS. ROBINSON: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
49

50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah.  
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1 MR. TUREK: Is the mike open to the State  
2 still?

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: The mike is open to the State.  
5 Is Land Management leaving? Thank you, sir.

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7 UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you very kindly.  
8 Appreciate the opportunity to be with you all.

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10 (6853)

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12 (Tape: 5)  
13 (0015)

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15 MR. LARSEN: Mr. Chairman and council members,  
16 I'd like to say thank you, first of all, for the  
17 opportunity to participate in this process. I commend  
18 you. I think your hearts are in the right place. I  
19 think you're working hard in behalf of the resource  
20 and, of course as a resource agency, it's really good  
21 to see. An observation. I think it's commendable and  
22 important that this group continue to bring forward  
23 issues about the Tongass, the land use. I mean without  
24 the habitat, without the land base to support fish and  
25 wildlife resources as we all know, we've lost the bill.

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27 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Did you get a copy of this?

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29 MR. LARSEN: No, I didn't.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You can have that one.

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33 MR. LARSEN: The other thing that I wanted to say  
34 is that there is a lot of information that is available  
35 through the state: harvest information and survey  
36 information. The federal agencies have come to the  
37 state and gotten that information and used it in a lot  
38 of the decision-making process. I just want to make  
39 sure that this council is aware that that's there and  
40 that if there is any need or desire to get a hold of  
41 some of that information, any of our offices would be  
42 more than happy to make that available. Again, thank  
43 you for ...

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's been extended to us and  
46 we appreciate that. And we appreciate that. We've  
47 never had the opportunity to meet you folks before and  
48 we're thankful for that. Dolly.

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50 MS. GARZA: Perhaps as part of that invitation,  
51 ~~if we could get from all of the agencies their names~~

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1 and addresses like on one sheet, Fred, so that if we  
2 want to contact somebody we can pull out a sheet and  
3 figure out where they are.  
4  
5 MS. ROBINSON: The ones that attended this  
6 meeting?  
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8 MR. CLARK: I have almost everybody on the list  
9 already.  
10  
11 MS. GARZA: Okay.  
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13 MR. CLARK: On a sheet.  
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15 MS. WILSON: I also want a picture by each name.  
16 (Laughter)  
17  
18 MR. LARSEN: It's nice to put faces and names  
19 together. It really does help.  
20  
21 MS. ROBINSON: After a while you pick it up, but  
22 if you only see it once, it's hard to remember.  
23  
24 MR. TUREK: We all tend to look alike.  
25  
26 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah, you do. It's all the  
27 beards. The beards throw you off.  
28  
29 MR. TUREK: I'd just like to add a few things.  
30 The Division of Subsistence. Bob Shroeder would have  
31 been here, but he's acting division Director, so he  
32 couldn't make it, so I came and I would have come  
33 anyway. We're really looking forward to working with  
34 you, the division does. Everything that we've got, you  
35 know -- I'll work with Dolly in particular, closely on  
36 anything that you might need, you know, you have access  
37 to. So we're real excited that we're able to work with  
38 you and look forward to work with you in the future. I  
39 should be at all your meetings. I'll be at the Grand  
40 Camp meeting in Hydaburg, probably attending that also.  
41 So, I just want to thank you for inviting us.  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes, this is -- it's getting  
44 better all the time. Once we put aside some of our  
45 anxieties and some of our dug-in spots, I think we're  
46 all recognizing some positive things that's happening  
47 here.  
48  
49 MR. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman, yes. Just to let you  
50 know that somebody from the Sports Fish Division will  
51 be attending all your meetings and stuff depending

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1 where they're at in the region. We've made an internal  
2 decision that it's important to be available and  
3 provide information to this committee as well as other  
4 committees that we deal with, so one of us will be at  
5 your meetings at all times.

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7 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Appreciate that.

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9 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Just as a note of information.  
12 When the discussions about zeroing out the subsistence  
13 department, during the last session, Harold Martin from  
14 the Subsistence Commission called me and asked me if I  
15 would fax a message to the legislators to encourage  
16 them to give it more serious commitment budget-wise,  
17 and I did that. One of the things I stated on there  
18 was that even though the feds have made this impact,  
19 that it has a lot better chance of succeeding with the  
20 information and material that you folks have; and I  
21 mentioned that, and it's very true.

22  
23 MR. HOFFMAN: Well, we appreciate that very much.  
24 I'd be out of a job, so I personally appreciate it.

25  
26 MR. LARSEN: Mr. Chairman, one other thing.

27  
28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yeah, Doug.

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30 MR. LARSEN: In response to Dolly's request for  
31 names and addresses, I think it's good to get names and  
32 addresses of people who attend this meeting. Likewise,  
33 like Steve was saying, it won't necessarily be one of  
34 us, that is, Steve or myself at these meetings, but  
35 somebody from our division. So if you would like, we  
36 can make sure to get the names and addresses of all our  
37 biologists in each of the communities where we have  
38 people stationed, if that would help you.

39  
40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I think it would. I think if  
41 we had some kind of agency directory-type of thing and  
42 have it just for the council, then as members come and  
43 go, the directory information will still be here.

44  
45 MR. LARSEN: Sure.

46  
47 MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I'm hoping to put  
48 together exactly that sort of directory in the next  
49 couple of months.

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51 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.

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1  
2 MR. TUREK: And as being with Division of  
3 Subsistence with Fish and Game, if you'd like I can act  
4 as your liaison with Fish and Game, and help you to get  
5 the contacts and the people, who's who and stuff. I'd  
6 be more than happy to do that.  
7

8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'd appreciate all that. Patty.  
9

10 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair. I'm thinking of how we  
11 can identify customary traditional subsistence uses.  
12 It would be nice to know that we could network with  
13 agencies to get that information. For instance, I know  
14 that Mike is involved in the harbor seal survey and he  
15 has contacts in every community that go in and do these  
16 surveys. I feel like he doesn't have the power to tell  
17 these people or ask them while you're at it, what your  
18 subsistence uses are. Then that could be sent back to  
19 us. But we don't have that power or that directive.  
20 If we could get, somehow, or let these agencies know  
21 that we need to network and work together to get the  
22 most for our buck -- I don't know where to begin that,  
23 but -- that would be good.  
24

25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: That's true. We don't have the  
26 luxury of being adversarial around here. And we don't  
27 want to do that. We thank you very much. Really  
28 appreciate it. Who's the least represented? Park  
29 Service? Come on up, Park Service.  
30

31 MR. CAPRA: For questions or comments?  
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33 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Comments. If you can't say  
34 nothing nice, don't say nothing at all.  
35

36 MR. CAPRA: Jim Capra with the Park Service. I  
37 just want to elaborate on, but I don't have any  
38 comments that pertain directly to the Park Service, but  
39 I wanted to elaborate on Patty's comment about us  
40 getting background on subsistence uses.  
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42 One of the most effective ways, at least, that  
43 I've done, and probably that you could all do, is to go  
44 out on a personal level in your own communities, and  
45 see what the subsistence uses are. At these meetings  
46 you'll have at least more depth and knowledge than what  
47 you have now, hopefully about what the subsistence uses  
48 are in your area. Thanks.  
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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We all appreciate that.  
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1 MR. CAPRA: That would be helpful at these  
2 meetings. I know here today or here at these meetings,  
3 the council has been at a loss because of people  
4 missing from certain communities and affected areas.  
5 It would be nice to have everybody here. I know that's  
6 not always possible, but people in their areas have a  
7 good depth of knowledge. I know that I'm kind of at a  
8 loss being in Yakutat less than a year to speak as a  
9 real qualified expert there.

10  
11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: You're doing a good job.  
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13 MR. CAPRA: Otherwise, I'm very impressed with  
14 how this council runs.  
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16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Forest Service.  
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18 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman,  
19 Ken Thompson. I really did want to take the  
20 opportunity to thank you for your close involvement  
21 with our organization and much of the positive  
22 reinforcements you've have given us. I particularly  
23 want to invite you to feel free to call me or Jack  
24 Calf, or Phil Janek, anybody, you know, that is  
25 involved in the hierarchy of this program any time you  
26 wish. I know that I feel very free to call Dale and  
27 rag on him any time I want, although I haven't done so  
28 too much. It's a pleasure to have people like Carol,  
29 and Fred in our organization to be able to work closely  
30 with you. I depend on them a lot for the liaison that  
31 we and the staff committee have with you folks. Again,  
32 the door is always open for any of you who wish to  
33 speak directly to any of us.  
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35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We appreciate that.  
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37 MR. THOMPSON: I hope to be back to future board  
38 meetings.  
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40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Anybody else from  
41 the tree-hugging agencies?  
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43 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman. I wish to approach he  
44 bench.  
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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay.  
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48 MR. JOHNSON: I know you're all going to be  
49 leaving here, but I thought I would give you something  
50 from the community of Craig for each of the members of  
51 the council. This and 50 cents will get you a cup of

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1 coffee in some places. Make sure you have the 50  
2 cents. (Hands out maps.)  
3  
4 MR. ANDERSON Could we borrow 50 cents?  
5  
6 MS. ROBINSON: Thank you, Dave.  
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8 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: This looks like a subsidiary  
9 KPC. Thank you, Dave. Are there any other Forest  
10 Service? Paul?  
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12 MR. WILSON: The Natives were the original owners  
13 before Forest Service, so I reserve the right to speak.  
14 I want to thank you for learning the procedures and  
15 the process. I'll have to learn to make proposals. So  
16 that means I'll have to pay more attention to what  
17 Marilyn's been telling me all these years. Now I know  
18 what she's tried to teach me. You'll hear from Haines.  
19 You'll hear from the original owners of Alaska. Thank  
20 you.  
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22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you Paul. We've created  
23 a monster. Anybody else? Hank.  
24  
25 MR. NEWHOUSE: The times that the advisory  
26 council gets together each year are high points of the  
27 year because I come to the council meetings and what I  
28 see is community. I see the community of Southeast  
29 coming together, each of you coming here and working  
30 hard on what is essential for us to continue to  
31 function as a community in this wonderful place of  
32 Southeast Alaska. It just fills me up and enables me  
33 to go and deal with a lot of the other negative things  
34 that seem to pull at us each day. I really appreciate  
35 it. I know there's a lot of diversity on the council  
36 and that in itself makes it special. There's differ-  
37 ences of opinions and yet you function as a community  
38 and that's real special.  
39  
40 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you Hank. In Ketchikan  
41 and other places, Hank is very involved in the  
42 community. I wonder about it sometimes. Wherever  
43 there is pain seems to attract him. I've kind of been  
44 watching him because I don't know what medical  
45 profession to keep waiting for him but he likes agony  
46 and pain, but he does a good job with what ever he  
47 does. He's a subsistence guide, he's a liaison and he  
48 does a very good job and everything he does. Thank  
49 you, Hank. Anybody else. Bill, I'm saving you for  
50 later on. Larry. It's either this or a \$50 dollar  
51 fine.

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2 MR. ROBERTS: Considering the alternative, I  
3 think I'd better say some nice things about you. I  
4 find it really enjoyable. I've been involved with  
5 subsistence since I moved to Alaska, working with the  
6 Forest Service as an archaeologist and also the  
7 anthropological side of this issue. And becoming more  
8 involved with you as a group has been really rewarding  
9 for me as well. I have to echo a lot of what Hank has  
10 just said. With time, I think even the agencies are  
11 changing and understanding and grasping what you're  
12 trying to tell us about the traditional and customary  
13 uses that are taking place out in the national forests.  
14 I'm learning and I hope you'll be patient with me  
15 because it's a steep learning curve for me as well.  
16 Even though I have a little bit of a background in  
17 anthropology and archeology, I'm still learning, I  
18 think and it's rounding out my experiences working with  
19 this group. I appreciate your cooperation and  
20 assistance in helping me with my understanding of how  
21 this all works, how it all fits together. Thanks very  
22 much.

23  
24 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. We're trying to get  
25 as much done before we become a subject of  
26 anthropology. Dale.

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28 MR. KANEN: Well, I was waiting until after Ted  
29 spoke.

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31 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Schenk.

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33 MR. SCHENK: Mr. Chairman, my wife suggested to  
34 me that I needed to get out of the house and have some  
35 fun. "Why don't you go down to Craig and meet with  
36 those people." You folks are just a joy to work with  
37 and it's my privilege to be able to provide information  
38 for you to deliberate on. We have a lot of things in  
39 common. I didn't know that I was a Native prior to  
40 this meeting. You know, I'm part of the alterNative  
41 group. I hadn't recognized that before. I enjoy these  
42 meetings and the humor and the work that get's done.  
43 From me to you, thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. It's always a  
46 pleasure. We're rating these now, so this has got to  
47 be the best of the bunch. Different agency.

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49 MR. KANEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair and council.  
50 I've really enjoyed seeing a lot of my old friends here  
51 and wish we could have had more time outside of the

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1 meeting. I guess the things that come to my mind that  
2 I would say to my agency are sort of different than  
3 what I would say to this body. Mainly, I'm really  
4 encouraged by the hard work that you've done and I  
5 think I feel more secure each meeting that this process  
6 is going to be a success and that it will maybe upheld  
7 as an example in public participation in land manage-  
8 ment. It's not a bunch of bureaucrats making the  
9 decisions and recommendations and so that's exciting to  
10 me. I would just encourage you, between now and the  
11 next meeting, to call the Forest Service people in your  
12 area if you have questions about various issues -- if  
13 you need some of the legal things hashed out, some of  
14 the biological stuff -- call them and get the  
15 information and make them work for you. Thank you.

16  
17 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Dale. Appreciate  
18 all the support that your office has lent us while  
19 we're here. We appreciate that very much, including --  
20 especially him. Lead agency.

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22 MR. KNAUER: I also would like to express my  
23 appreciation for the opportunity to work with you folks  
24 and to serve you. I would certainly invite all of you  
25 who might have an opportunity to be in Anchorage to  
26 stop over at the Fish and Wildlife Service offices and  
27 come in and take a look, meet the other people that are  
28 there. We get to see Bill Thomas frequently, but I  
29 don't know if the rest of you have had that  
30 opportunity. If you get up to AFN, we usually have a  
31 display somewhere, stop around and see who's there and  
32 say hello. In situations like this, good things happen  
33 when reasonable people get together and communicate and  
34 it's always easier to open the door if you're on the  
35 inside working together than it is if you're on the  
36 outside shouting and pounding. You folks are part of  
37 the group that are on the inside opening the door to  
38 others to help your community and your region. We  
39 thank you for the service that you are willing to  
40 provide to all of them.

41  
42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Bill. In regards to  
43 the office, those of you that's going to be attending  
44 the AFN, I'll be up there and I'll have transportation,  
45 and I will, when I see you, invite you to take you out  
46 to the offices and meet the people besides whatever  
47 display they have at AFN. They have a real fine staff  
48 out there?

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50 MS. GARZA: Is it close to Costco?  
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1 MR. KNAUER; We're right on the bus route. We're  
2 close to the University Center.

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4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Council comments? Ms. Garza?

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6 MS. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, this has been a very  
7 productive meeting. I think as he suggested, we are  
8 starting to look at tougher issues and take more on. I  
9 think my voice from Sitka will continue to be that we  
10 need to address fisheries, we need to address  
11 fisheries, we need to address fisheries, and that's all  
12 you're going to hear from me until we address  
13 fisheries. I understand the process that we have to go  
14 through. I think it's unfortunate subsistence  
15 continues regardless of the process. I do very much  
16 appreciate the different perspectives of this council  
17 because I think that's what creates a consensus that  
18 will keep us unified as a region. Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Marilyn?

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22 MS. WILSON: Every year that I come to this  
23 council meeting, we have some new faces, we have some  
24 old faces from the old days, and it seems like every  
25 year I learn something a little more, and every year I  
26 find out how little I do and how much more that I can  
27 do as a council member. This year, especially, I'm  
28 feeling that. What can I do to represent the  
29 Southeast, not only Haines, not only one town, but all  
30 of it. To have that much responsibility is a little  
31 bit scary, so I am forever trying to learn more about  
32 the issues. I try to keep reading the newspapers on  
33 all the legislation and all the things that are going  
34 on. Sometimes I feel very inadequate, but I guess all  
35 each of us can do is to listen to all the issues, to  
36 listen to our own people in our own communities; not  
37 only in our own communities, but other communities.  
38 More or less all of the communities sound pretty much  
39 alike on the main issues of subsistence. This has got  
40 to be one of the best groups that I can ever remember  
41 working with, and working along with. It's been very  
42 enjoyable and very productive. I'm very glad we chose  
43 Bill as our chairman once again, because I think he's a  
44 very capable and very good leader.

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46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Marilyn. John.

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48 MR. FELLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like I  
49 said before, I've worn a lot of hats in the community  
50 of Wrangell and the area of the Stikine River and out  
51 of all of them I think it's serving on this council

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1 here that's been the most rewarding for me and offered  
2 to grow in knowledge and experience that gives me a  
3 better perspective of how the whole process is working.  
4 Actually, some of the rewarding things are visible, at  
5 this time, on the river as far as moose hunting. That  
6 was a big thing with me sticking my neck out the first  
7 meeting in Sitka where everybody that hunted the  
8 Stikine River wanted to get rid of the 50 inch and  
9 three times, so I really felt like I was in the hot  
10 seat right from the start. Now I see last year they  
11 didn't get very much moose, I think only three for the  
12 whole season -- one month season. This year, before I  
13 left Wrangell there was already three and they were all  
14 legal kills. To me that's progress and it's an  
15 indication that this process is working. Like Paul  
16 said, "You'll be hearing more from Wrangell." Probably  
17 not as much as Yakutat, but we'll get some proposals in  
18 and actually use the process. That's where I feel like  
19 I should be too, is out moose hunting, but I can't be  
20 at two places at once.

21  
22 I also want to say that it's a pleasure to work  
23 with all the agencies and welcome Fred aboard. I think  
24 he's doing a good job and he had a tough act to follow  
25 with Carol. I'm sure he'll catch up on everything.  
26 It's a lot of work to move to a different community,  
27 but other than that, I'll wrap her up there.

28  
29 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, John. Patty.

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31 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to  
32 express my deep gratitude to each of the council  
33 members, and I am very honored to work with you as a  
34 council. I too, like John, have learned how the  
35 process can work. I also presented another contro-  
36 versial proposal that this council supported and that  
37 was being able to shoot from an open skiff in Unit 4.  
38 On Raven Radio I heard the controversy and my husband  
39 said to me, "It will never fly," and it did. It went  
40 through because the council and myself were able to  
41 show the Federal Subsistence Board that it was  
42 customary and traditional. It's been a real learning  
43 process and I continue to learn and I realize that I  
44 may not seem like I'm willing to work with the board,  
45 but I am. Constantly, it's all diverse ideas. I go  
46 home and I think about what everybody said and  
47 sometimes I do change my mind. Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Vicki.

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51 MS. LE CORNU: Thanks. I just want to agree with

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1 Patty. I think it's really great to work with all the  
2 council members, the staff. I think I've learned a lot  
3 at this meeting. I was reminded by Jim of the problems  
4 that Jim Martinez said. I've known all these years.  
5 So, I think he really brought it home to us this  
6 morning. I just feel that it's not our responsibility.  
7 It is the community's responsibility. I don't think  
8 that they have met it and we've learned that today.  
9 Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.  
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13 MS. RUDOLPH: I want to thank the board for  
14 making me feel so at home, and for all the other  
15 entities that are here from different departments that  
16 have been very helpful in giving me suggestions. There  
17 were a lot of things that went through my mind as I was  
18 coming to this meeting wondering if I was going to be  
19 really naive and stupid with my comments. Everybody  
20 has made me feel so welcome and part of the group, that  
21 I appreciate everyone who has helped me feel right at  
22 home here and I appreciate all of the input and  
23 hopefully I can be an asset to the board by giving my  
24 concerns from our village and hopefully, I can give  
25 more to the village where they can participate more by  
26 giving their ideas and their concerns so we don't have  
27 as much frustration as we go back home, expecting -- a  
28 lot of times they come to the board and expect us to  
29 solve the problem and we're just liaisons to go to the  
30 board.  
31

32 So, I'm hoping I can be -- a lot of times I feel  
33 frustrated, I'll talk of something that's not going to  
34 be heard but someone else will say the same thing and  
35 it's going to hit home with somebody. I'm hoping that  
36 I can do some of that when I get home and give them  
37 some of the things that the board did.  
38

39 I'd also like to be kept informed after putting  
40 the video together because we do have a scanner at home  
41 that we put videos on. That may be one way of  
42 educating our village of what the board has done. We  
43 had a traditional council that did the very same thing  
44 where they videod all our movies so that we had record  
45 of all of our movies so that anything important that  
46 came up that concerned the village was put on a  
47 scanner. I think it's a real good idea. Thank you,  
48 Mr. Chairman.  
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50 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you. Mim.  
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1 MS. ROBINSON: The thought had occurred to me  
2 about trying to think back to the old regional council  
3 and how everyone was very localized in their thinking.  
4 You represented your community and that was it. It  
5 was really hard to reach consensus among 22 people.  
6 When we started this council, the 13 of us who came  
7 together still kind of carried that feeling with us.  
8 Those who had been on the old one and even the new  
9 members. I remember Carol trying to get it into our  
10 heads that we represent all Southeast. We can't have  
11 someone from every community. You have to step out and  
12 stick your neck out and represent the whole area. I  
13 think that, thanks to the Congregational delegation,  
14 it's been very much accomplished at this meeting.  
15 We've had to really be unified and protect Southeast  
16 and it's brought us all together and I like how that's  
17 happened. I like the feeling that's between us and I  
18 feel like we finally did it. Somebody should get that  
19 word to Carol that it finally happened.  
20

21 Also, I think that you all are just wonderful  
22 people to work with. I look forward to these meetings.  
23 I get a kick out of them. It's wonderful entertain-  
24 ment. I love to get the laughter. It's neat. You're  
25 all very high caliber people and it's a pleasure to  
26 work with all of you. The people on the staff is just  
27 primo. You guys and gals are great. Your willingness  
28 to help wherever possible. I know a lot of you have  
29 become good friends over the years. Even that just  
30 helps the process to work better. So, thank you for  
31 being there for us and welcome to Fred. I appreciate  
32 working with you and I think that's going to go fine.  
33 Congratulations to our re-election and elections for  
34 the officers. I feel good about it. I look forward to  
35 the next meeting. Your turn, Lonnie.  
36

37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you, Mim.  
38

39 MR. ANDERSON: One of the things that I think the  
40 council saw this morning when Mr. Martinez came in and  
41 then, of course, Patty's feeling of frustration, I can  
42 sense that there's a tremendous frustration among our  
43 local people on this subsistence issue. I think that  
44 it's going to be even more politically inclined as we  
45 go on. I would urge the council to be aware and  
46 conscious of those problems. I think that through  
47 dialogue we can work through this, but it's going to be  
48 a frustrating experience for a lot of them and I would  
49 urge the council to try -- you know, communication is  
50 the best means of overcoming problems. Even though, at  
51 this meeting, some of us, we don't want to, we say,

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1 "Well, I didn't see the sign or I wasn't personally  
 2 invited." I think that if it's in -- whichever  
 3 community that's invited, the council member is going  
 4 to have to do a little advertising. John can show us  
 5 how in this up and coming.

6  
 7 There's a lot of controversies in Wrangell, the  
 8 mill shut down and things of those sorts. And so,  
 9 public opinion is going to be very strong. I  
 10 appreciate working with the agencies, a lot of high-  
 11 powered brain power. We need to take advantage of  
 12 their expertise with these issues.

13  
 14 Dolly, I appreciate your input. You come from a  
 15 little different attitude than some of us may be used  
 16 to and that's good because we definitely need input  
 17 from local regions to this. I would urge each and  
 18 everyone of the council members to do the -- well, like  
 19 this annual report. Start making up next year's annual  
 20 report by running surveys throughout the community.  
 21 I'm in a little better situation than you in that I  
 22 have an office and I can contact people individually  
 23 and I have time. As they come in, we talk subsistence  
 24 issue as well as municipal issues. We're striving to  
 25 improve our image in the subsistence arena.

26  
 27 I think there was more harmony among groups  
 28 before the word "subsistence" ever came into being in  
 29 the late '70s. Some of our friends are sort of  
 30 reluctant to associate with us in the subsistence  
 31 issue. That's sad when people disassociate just over  
 32 fish and foods that we all use. Fred, I would say that  
 33 you have a tough job keeping these people satisfied.  
 34 One thing I would urge the council not to do is to jump  
 35 on Fred, because we're sort of brothers. AlterNative  
 36 brothers. Welcome aboard.

37  
 38 MR. CLARK: We'll call it the Eagle's Nest.

39  
 40 MR. ANDERSON: But thank you.

41  
 42 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Fred. name).

43  
 44 MR. CLARK: I don't know that I can say too awful  
 45 much more than has already been said.

46  
 47 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you.

48  
 49 MR. CLARK: But I'll try. Your task and your  
 50 responsibility is really huge and it's part of a much  
 51 ~~huger process in the Federal Subsistence Program and~~

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1 how it relates to the state program and all of that. I  
2 think it's remarkable, not only how you've accepted the  
3 responsibility, but that you come to the table with an  
4 incredible background and knowledge, sensitivity and  
5 dedication. But the knowledge and the background isn't  
6 enough. You bring something else very important, and  
7 that's the heart. You bring the emotions, the  
8 awareness of your communities on a regional basis and  
9 that's what gives the council its strength, and that's  
10 also what has allowed you to work so well together.  
11 I'm very impressed with your interactions. And, I'm  
12 really honored to be a part of the process with you and  
13 to feel that sense of heart. To be able to take the  
14 tools and information that's provided from your own  
15 background and integrate that with all the technical  
16 detail provided by the agencies and bring that together  
17 in a coherent form, it's very hard to do, and I think  
18 you're doing a remarkable job along those lines.  
19

20 My phone line is open all the time. Please feel  
21 free to request me to come visit you in your  
22 communities. If you'd like assistance in doing things  
23 such as Lonnie has suggested in surveys and things like  
24 that, I'm more than available for that. I'd love to  
25 come and get to know your communities better. Thank  
26 you.  
27

28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Is there anybody else who would  
29 like to speak that hasn't? Irene.  
30

31 MS. GUTHRIE: I'm the only public here.  
32

33 COURT REPORTER: Could you get to a microphone?  
34 It will help me.  
35

36 MS. GUTHRIE: I'm Irene. I'm speaking on behalf  
37 of the public. Since the public isn't here, I can  
38 safely say that, from my people's point of view, I  
39 think they all appreciate all the work you people are  
40 doing. Since I've been through these meetings, I have  
41 learned how complicated it is for you all and you're  
42 learning the terms and learning all the words you need  
43 to know to understand what you're doing. For me, I'm  
44 learning that too. I know the task you have ahead of  
45 you. I appreciate all of you. I appreciate the  
46 diversity of the council. You're all from different  
47 areas and your being honest in helping each community,  
48 not just your own. That's what I learned. Keep up the  
49 good work. That's all I can say. Thank you.  
50

51 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Anybody else?

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1  
2 MR. ANDERSON: How about our recorder? We  
3 haven't heard very many words from her.  
4

5 COURT REPORTER: I just want to know how to spell  
6 bl-bl-bl-bl-bl-bl.  
7

8 MS. ROBINSON: It's "B" bl-bl-bl-bl-bl. The only  
9 thing we've heard from her is, "Step up to the mike."  
10

11 MS. WILSON: I think we should give our recorder  
12 a round of applause. I don't think I even know your  
13 name.  
14

15 COURT REPORTER: Ladonna Lindley.  
16

17 MS. WILSON: Thank you, Ladonna.  
18

19 MS. ROBINSON: That's a-p-p-l-a-u-s-e.  
20

21 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Well, I want to take this time  
22 again -- I can't tell you enough how I appreciate each  
23 of you. It really leaves me personally with the  
24 confidence and courage when I go to the board meetings.  
25 Whenever I get in a pickle, all I have to do is think  
26 back to the people on this council and the support that  
27 we get. I haven't been in that many pickles because  
28 the Fish and Wildlife Service has been more supportive  
29 and cooperative than I could have ever asked. I  
30 appreciate that. That's why I'm also anxious for you  
31 folks that can to meet the staff in that building.  
32

33 Each one of us -- diversity is a good word to  
34 describe this. Dolly has so much potential that once  
35 we make room for all of that, we're going to be making  
36 more progress. She's got not only the cultural  
37 awareness, she's got the technical awareness and she's  
38 got the scientific awareness, and as others have as  
39 well. It's not the same degree probably, but in many  
40 ways we do. Don't apologize for your individual  
41 emotions or frustrations. If that wasn't supposed to  
42 be part of your make-up, it wouldn't be there. So  
43 don't apologize for that. It takes all of that to get  
44 through some of the things we have to contend with. We  
45 all share those same emotions. Some of us have  
46 different thresholds, but we still have them.  
47

48 I want you guys to have safe trips back to your  
49 homes. Thank you for another job well done. I think  
50 that we're improving. I only improve because of what  
51 you guys built into me. I appreciate that. Thank you

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1 very much.  
2  
3 MS. ROBINSON: Can I look at the ferry schedule?  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: After we adjourn. Let's  
6 consider ourselves adjourned if there's nothing...  
7  
8 MS. GARZA: I think she meant as far as getting  
9 the Wrangell meeting date set.  
10  
11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Oh, that. Oh, I thought you  
12 meant in terms of going home.  
13  
14 MS. ROBINSON: No, no.  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'm sorry. Yes, let's look at  
17 the schedule.  
18  
19 MS. ROBINSON: I was noticing on the schedule  
20 that, on the ferry schedule, there is no way to tie the  
21 ferry with a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday meeting.  
22 The only way to really do it is to have the meeting  
23 start like on Monday or Tuesday and fly in if we can't.  
24 Otherwise on Sunday nights or -- on every Sunday night  
25 or early Monday morning, there's a ferry that leaves  
26 Juneau that comes in. I was just looking at it from  
27 the Juneau approach. I don't know about any other  
28 approach into Wrangell that we would want to look at.  
29 Sitka people and myself and Patty and stuff could fly  
30 into Juneau hopefully on Alas -- Patty would have to  
31 figure out a schedule from Pelican, I guess, if there  
32 is one.  
33  
34 MS. GARZA: There's a ferry that leaves Sitka on  
35 Tuesday and gets us in there on Wednesday morning. The  
36 problem I have focusing out of Juneau is that if  
37 Wrangell is down, it's likely that Juneau will be down  
38 too.  
39  
40 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah. Yeah, with the weather.  
41 We're always taking our chances for any of these  
42 meetings. I hate to do this totally around the ferry  
43 schedule, but than again maybe at that time of year, we  
44 should. I don't know.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: How about if we just kind of  
47 update ourselves and each other, keeping that in mind  
48 and really focusing in after the holidays and kind of  
49 staying in touch. By then we'll have more control of  
50 the weather.  
51

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1 MR. ANDERSON: That is if you buy me a Christmas  
2 present.  
3  
4 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I'll buy you a Christmas  
5 present.  
6  
7 MR. ANDERSON: You'll have good weather in  
8 February.  
9  
10 MS. PHILLIPS: I would prefer February 8th, 9th  
11 and 10th.  
12  
13 MR. FELLER: Is that Thursday, Friday and  
14 Saturday?  
15  
16 MS. ROBINSON: Yeah.  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yesterday we talked about the  
19 1st.  
20  
21 MS. ROBINSON: There is a Sitka ferry that leaves  
22 on the 6th. There's a ferry that leaves Juneau on the  
23 8th at 3:30 in the morning and gets you in that  
24 afternoon. So someone who couldn't make it out by  
25 Thursday could, at least, be there for Thursday night,  
26 Friday and Saturday.  
27  
28 MS. PHILLIPS: There's a ferry leaving the 11th  
29 if we don't get out.  
30  
31 MS. ROBINSON: For the return. That would be  
32 okay with me.  
33  
34 MS. WILSON: Is that the 8th, 9th and 10th?  
35  
36 MS. ROBINSON: Yes.  
37  
38 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: I can give you a worse case  
39 example of being in Wrangell. I went up for some other  
40 business and it was just like this when I got to  
41 Wrangell. There wasn't a hint of snow anyplace. It  
42 was bright and clear. We had a meeting that evening.  
43 We got out of the meeting and there was probably three  
44 inches of snow on the ground. By midnight there was a  
45 foot and the next morning there was two feet and still  
46 coming down. I had a 3 o'clock flight that I was  
47 scheduled for and there was no sky any place. One guy  
48 said that there was a 4 o'clock ferry leaving for  
49 Ketchikan. "I would suggest you make arrangements to  
50 get on there." I did. It was really (indiscernible -  
51 unclear). The weather changed just like that. I've

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1 never seen...  
2  
3 MS. ROBINSON: Are we making a mistake trying to  
4 go to Wrangell at that time of year?  
5  
6 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: No, no, no.  
7  
8 MS. ROBINSON: As long as we schedule around the  
9 ferry we should be okay.  
10  
11 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Sure.  
12  
13 MS. WILSON: Don't do that to John.  
14  
15 MR. FELLER: Kind of a nervous laugh out of me  
16 here. No, we're in a banana belt there.  
17  
18 MS. ROBINSON: So on the 8th, 9th and 10th then?  
19 I'll make a motion that we meet in Wrangell on the  
20 8th, 9th and 10th of February.  
21  
22 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: We have a motion, second?  
23  
24 MR. FELLER: I'll second it.  
25  
26 COURT REPORTER: Who seconded?  
27  
28 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: John. Wrangell seconded.  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Questions? All in favor say  
31 aye.  
32  
33 ALL IN UNISON: Aye.  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Opposed?  
36  
37 (No opposing responses.)  
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39 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: February 8th, 9th and 10th.  
40  
41 MS. ROBINSON: So we need to salvage that letter.  
42  
43 MR. CLARK: It's on...  
44  
45 COURT REPORTER: It's on the tape.  
46  
47 MS. ROBINSON: Oh, good.  
48  
49 MR. CLARK: So it will be no problem.  
50  
51 ~~MS. ROBINSON: So, will you put it on and~~

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1 great. Cool. Whew!

2

3 MS. WILSON: Mr. Chairman, do we each, as we all

4 leave this place today, write our own report for this

5 council...

6

7 MS. ROBINSON: The annual report?

8

9 MS. WILSON: ...and then send it to the

10 secretary? Or who do we send it to?

11

12 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: To Fred. He'll put it into a

13 form where it'll be coming from the council.

14

15 MS. WILSON: Okay. He'll get a little bit from

16 everybody.

17

18 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

19

20 MS. ROBINSON: About what we want in the annual

21 report.

22

23 MS. WILSON: I just wanted to make sure.

24

25 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Yes.

26

27 MS. ROBINSON: Did you want to pick a deadline

28 for when that needs to be in by? When is it due? It's

29 due November, isn't it?

30

31 MR. CLARK: Yeah. After AFN.

32

33 MS. ROBINSON; Which is when?

34

35 MR. CLARK: Which begins the 18th.

36

37 CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Do these come from your office?

38

39 MS. ROBINSON: October 30th. It sounds like they

40 need to be into Fred. No later than. For the annual

41 report. Everyone catch that? October 30th. No later

42 than October 30th for the annual report.

43

44 MR. KNAUER: Just a reminder for everybody.

45 Please submit your itinerary and receipts in that

46 envelope as quickly as possible. That'll mean that

47 you'll get the rest of your reimbursement.

48

49 MS. GARZA: So do you guys figure out then how

50 many dollars per day without the receipts and stuff? e

51 don't have to do anything like that?

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1  
2 MR. KNAUER: You don't need any meal receipts,  
3 but if heading home, if you had to take a taxi to or  
4 from the airport or just parking. There's a computer  
5 program. We'd like to have the back copy or receipt  
6 copy of your ticket with that. That would help keep  
7 track.

8  
9 MS. GARZA: So that's all you need if we don't  
10 have other receipts?

11  
12 MR. KNAUER: If they give you a receipt at the  
13 hotel, even though it's a purchase order, that helps.

14  
15 MS. ROBINSON: I didn't get one when I checked  
16 out. Also, I never get one when I fly on Belair. They  
17 never -- they just send it on to you guys, I think. I  
18 never get a copy. I don't get anything. I just climb  
19 on the plane. I don't -- I get nothing -- zip.

20  
21 MR. CLARK: Since Bill is out of the room, are we  
22 officially adjourned?

23  
24 MS. ROBINSON: I think so. We never moved. I  
25 move that we adjourn.

26  
27 UNIDENTIFIED: Second.

28  
29 MS. ROBINSON: All those in favor?

30  
31 ALL IN UNISON: Aye.

32  
33 MS. ROBINSON: All those opposed?

34  
35 (No opposing votes.)

36  
37 MS. ROBINSON: Motion carried.

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39 (1730)

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41 (Off record - 12:17 p.m.)

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43 \*\*\*END OF PROCEEDINGS\*\*\*  
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